

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY TO FARMERS FOR DRIP IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government provides subsidy to the farmers for adopting drip irrigation system ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) The area of land irrigated by the drip irrigation system in the country and the amount of subsidy provided during the last three years and thereafter, State-wise;
- (d) Whether mostly big farmers are getting the benefit under the said scheme ;
- (e) If so, the reasons therefore; and
- (f) If the steps taken by the Government to ensure that benefit of subsidy reach to the small farmers also?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The Government is providing subsidy to the farmers for adopting drip irrigation under the following Centrally Sponsored Schemes:

Macro Management in Agriculture-Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans.

(ii) Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in the North Eastern States, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttaranchal.

(iii) Intensive Cotton Development Programme.

(iv) Oil Palm Development Project .

Under the Macro Management Scheme, assistance is being given to the farmers @ 25 percent of the total cost of the system whereas under the remaining three schemes, assistance for drip irrigation is being provided to the farmers @ 50 percent of the cost to Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe, Small, Marginal and Women farmers and 35% of the cost to other category of farmers.

(c): The State-wise details of land irrigated under drip irrigation during the last three years under various schemes is given in the statement at Annexure-I. The details of funds released/ allocated to the State Governments is given in Annexure-H.

(d)&(e) : All categories of farmers are getting the benefit under the Schemes.

(f): With effect from 2000-01 the scheme guidelines were revised wherein the assistance for drip irrigation has been limited to a maximum area of four hectares per beneficiary.